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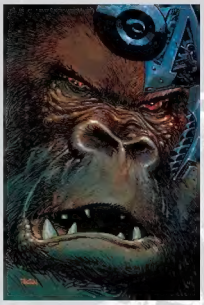

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NYX HAS MADE A MISTAKE-- SHE'S ALLOWED HERSELF TO HOPE.
DEFEATING SINN WAS GOING TO BE A MONUMENTAL CHALLENGE, BUT THERE WAS A MOMENT, MINUTES INTO HER ATTACK, WHERE SHE STARTED TO BELIEVE THEY MIGHT JUST HAVE A CHANCE.
THEN THAT MOMENT PASSES...

WHAT NONE KNOW THEN IS THAT SINN'S POWERS WERE CONSTANTLY EVOLVING AS HE CONSUMED MORE AND MORE **NECROPLASM.**

AND THEIR **NIGHTMARE** BEGINS.

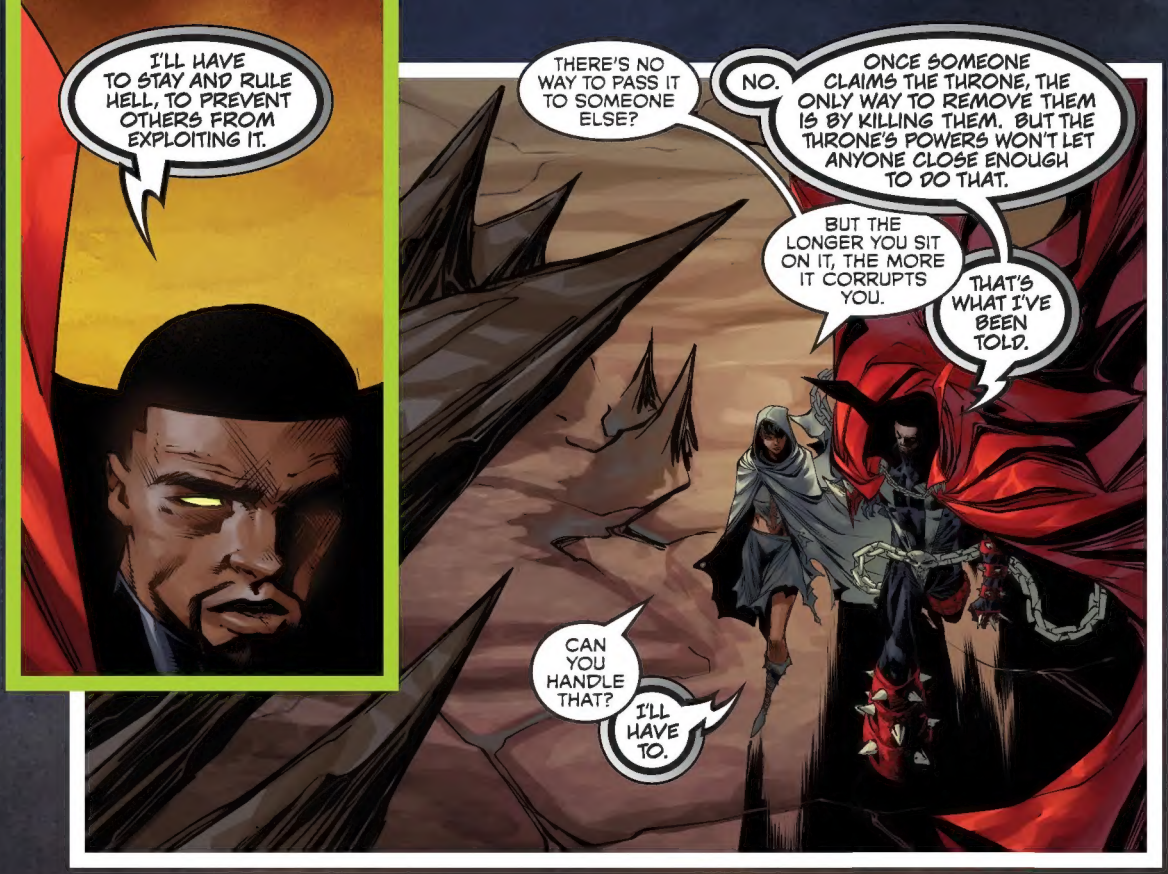
THE HEAP LEARNED THAT FIRSTHAND IN ITS LAST SECONDS OF LIFE.

NO!
YOU BASTARD!!
NYX HITS SINN WITH EVERYTHING SHE HAS, BUT THE TRUTH IS...
WHAM
...FEW THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE COULD STOP SINN RIGHT NOW.

IT'S A CRUSHING REALIZATION FOR NYX.
PROMISED REINFORCEMENTS SENT BY CATACLYSM ARE STILL NOWHERE CLOSE ENOUGH TO HELP. IT'LL BE TOO LATE IF THEY DO ARRIVE.
SHE TRIES TO STEADY HERSELF BUT FEELS HER BODY FAILING...
...BEFORE BEING BLASTED INTO DARKNESS.

THE 'ROAD BELOW'.
YOU STILL REMEMBER THE FIRST PLACE WE LIVED IN?
ON PALOMA STREET. SURE. WHY?
See KING SPAWN 29 for more about Wanda / Spawn's reunion -- Thomas.
JUST POPPED INTO MY HEAD. CAN'T BELIEVE WE EVER LIVED SOMEWHERE THAT SMALL. BUT IT WAS KIND OF COZY, I GUESS.
WHAT WAS OUR LANDLORD'S NAME AGAIN?
BORIS.
YEAH, BORIS. REMEMBER THAT TIME I HELPED HIM LIFT THAT COUCH UP THE...
I HATED THAT COUCH.
I KNOW YOU DID.
THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES, THOUGH.
THEY WERE.
WONDER WHAT OUR YOUNG SELVES WOULD THINK IF WE COULD SEE OURSELVES NOW?
CAN'T IMAGINE.

TIME MOVES DIFFERENTLY ALONG THE ROAD BELOW.
WHILE ONLY A FEW DAYS HAVE PASSED ABOVE THAT REALM, AL AND WANDA HAVE BEEN ON ITS PATH FOR MONTHS, WITH NO GUARANTEE IT WON'T BE YEARS OR EVEN DECADES BEFORE THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION.
A SELFISH PART OF SPAWN WOULD LOVE TO STAY HERE FOREVER. JUST THE TWO OF THEM.
ONCE YOU'RE ON THE THRONE, WHAT HAPPENS THEN?
HOPEFULLY, I CAN END THIS WAR. THEN WITH ITS POWER, BRING YOU BACK TO LIFE.
I'M NOT ASKING ABOUT THAT, AL.
WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU?


I'LL HAVE TO STAY AND RULE HELL, TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM EXPLOITING IT.
THERE'S NO WAY TO PASS IT TO SOMEONE ELSE?
NO.
ONCE SOMEONE CLAIMS THE THRONE, THE ONLY WAY TO REMOVE THEM IS BY KILLING THEM. BUT THE THRONE'S POWERS WON'T LET ANYONE CLOSE ENOUGH TO DO THAT.
BUT THE LONGER YOU SIT ON IT, THE MORE IT CORRUPTS YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.
CAN YOU HANDLE THAT?
I'LL HAVE TO.

BUT IF YOU DON'T?

I WILL!
I WON'T HAVE A CHOICE! AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET ANYONE ELSE CLAIM IT, SO GET OFF MY BACK!

THERE IT IS.
THE ANGER.
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF HIM, BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE LESS CONTROL OVER IT NOW.

I'M... SORRY. THERE'S JUST NO OTHER WAY TO FIX THIS, WANDA. I WISH THERE WAS.
IT'S ALRIGHT. LET'S--
Coff. Coff
WANDA?!
S'ALRIGHT. JUST NEED A MINUTE.
JOURNEYING THIS PATH IS BRUTAL FOR ALL TRAVELERS BUT ESPECIALLY FOR A SOUL FROM HEAVEN.
EVERY MOMENT HERE IS AGONY FOR HER AND IT'S GETTING WORSE
SEEING HER IN PAIN IS TORTURE FOR AL
C'MON, LET'S KEEP MOVING.
HE TRUSTS WANDA'S HELP
SO, IT NEVER CROSSES HIS MIND SHE MIGHT BE HERE FOR HER OWN REASONS

HAIL SINN, KING OF HELL
CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER VICTORY, MY LIEGE.
WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM LYCUS' BLADE? HOW HAS CADICLUS FARED?
DID YOU HEAR ME?
I'M AFRAID THE BATTLE HAS NOT GONE AS WE'D HOPED, MY LORD.

GASP!
JIM?
NYX AWAKENS FROM HER DARK SLUMBER CONFUSED
HIS CONDITION IS IMPROVING.
BUT IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY IF HE WILL MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.
WE'VE BEEN TOLD YOU OWE YOUR SURVIVAL TO A PHALANX OF OUR SOLDIERS WHO SWARMED SINN. THEY KEPT HIM AT BAY LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO BE EVACUATED.
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?
I'M AFRAID YOU AND JIM DOWNING WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS.

that can't be.
I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE EMERALD PARLIAMENT, CAN YOU HELP ME WITH THAT?
YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING. YOU NEED REST. CAN IT WAIT UNTIL WE GET BACK TO GREEN-WORLD?
GET BACK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WE'VE SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES. THE PARLIAMENT HAS DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS CONFLICT.
WHAT?!
NO, WE CAN'T WALK AWAY FROM SINN. NOT NOW, THEN HE WINS!
I'M SORRY, SCION, THE ORDERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN. WE EVACUATE THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

HORDES OF CREATURES APPEAR ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SINN'S CAMP HOURS AFTER HIS RETURN. THEY'RE MINDLESS BEASTS WHO, ONCE SET ON A PATH WILL WALK RELENTLESSLY UNTIL ENCOUNTERING AN OBSTACLE.
AFTER BEING CHECKED FOR BOOBY TRAPS, THEY'RE BROUGHT TO SINN.
HE KNOWS WHAT'S COMING.
CATACLYSM'S FORCE HAD BEEN FAR GREATER THAN THEIR INITIAL INTEL HAD SUGGESTED.
SURVIVORS FROM SINN'S SIDE REPORTED CADICLUS FOUGHT BRAVELY UNTIL THE VERY END.
BUT OTHER THAN SINN HIMSELF, NO SINGLE WARRIOR COULD'VE TURNED THE TIDE.

WHEN THEY EXAMINE THE YOUNG MAN'S REMAINS, THE MORTICIANS FIND EVIDENCE OF EXTREME TORTURE WHILE CADICLUS HAD STILL BEEN ALIVE.
BONES BROKEN
LIMBS MUTILATED
IT HAD NOT BEEN A QUICK OR MERCIFUL DEATH.
CATACLYSM WAS SENDING SINN A STARK MESSAGE
HOW MANY HELLSPAWNS ARE LEFT?
EIGHT. MAYBE MORE. BUT OTHERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN THE COMING DAYS
WE ARE NOT WAITING. BRING THE EIGHT TO ME AND TELL EVERY COMMANDER TO PREPARE
WE'RE TAKING THE INFERNAL KEEP TONIGHT.

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL THIS TAKE? WE'RE WASTING TIME.
IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY. I'D ENJOY WHATEVER TIME WE'VE GOT LEFT.
WASN'T ASKING YOU.
'CAUSE I'M HUNTING MY OWN PREY.
SPECIFICALLY, THOSE WHO HELPED KILL HIS SISTER.
SINN'S NAME IS AT THE TOP OF HIS LIST.
AND YOU'RE SAVING ME THE TROUBLE OF TRACKING HIM DOWN.

THAT'S IF THEY GET TO THEIR DESTINATION
TAKE COVER!
WHAT DIRECTION IS THE FIRE COMING FROM?
I NEED EYES ON THEM!
SHIT, BULLETS HAVE BEEN DIPPED IN ANGEL BLOOD.

BRIMSTONE? WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
SHUNK
WE'RE DONE. TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE.
CRACK

THE INFERNAL KEEP. HOW MUCH LONGER 'TIL WE GET THERE?
SOON ENOUGH. BUT WHO'S GOING TO STOP SINN'S TROOPS?
HIS FINAL SIEGE HAS BEGUN. BY THE TIME WE GET THERE, HE'LL BE ON THE THRONE ALREADY.
WELL, HE'S NOT NOW! WE DON'T STOP UNTIL HE STOPS US!

HEAVEN
PLEASE, DON'T DO THIS!
THE DEAD ZONES ARE TOO UNSTABLE RIGHT NOW.
THE PORTALS AREN'T MEANT TO HAVE SO MANY GOING THROUGH THEM AT ONCE.
IT COULD CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE.
YOUR SIDE STARTED THIS.
I TRIED TO STOP THEM; I SWEAR. THIS WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE.
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU WON'T BE AROUND TO SEE IT.
krrk

I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, NOT MESS THEM UP!
I'D WATCH YOUR TONE IF I WERE YOU.
GIVEN HOW EVENTS ARE ACCELERATING, AND SINN'S PROXIMITY TO THE THRONE, THERE'S MUCH GROUND TO MAKE UP. ANY WAY I CAN.
SO, YOU STAY HERE, LIKE A GOOD BOY, DISTRACT YOUR HEAVENLY BROTHERS.
DO THAT, AND I'LL SEND YOU A SOUVENIR...
YOUR BROTHER SINN'S HEAD.
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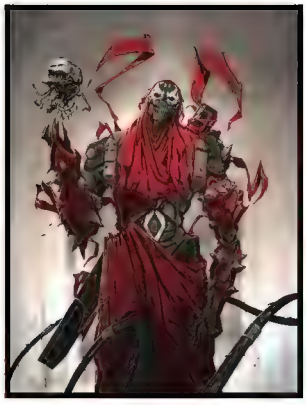

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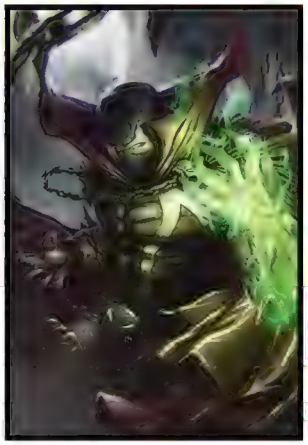

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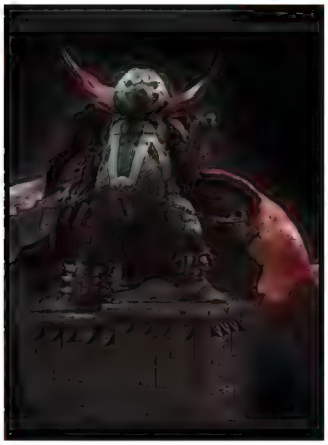

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